

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method Method for recognizing speech, comprising:

receiving an utterance, wherein a the received utterance (U) is subjected to a recognition process in its entirety,

performing wherein a rough estimation is made on whether or not said received utterance (U) is accepted or rejected in its entirety, and

wherein when wherein in the case of accepting said received utterance (U) is accepted, it is thoroughly reanalyzed so as to extract its meaning and/or intention,

extracting wherein based on the reanalysis keywords and/or key-phrases are extracted from the accepted utterance (U), essentially being representative for its meaning, based on the reanalysis of the accepted utterance, and

wherein a thorough estimation is made on whether or not said extracted keywords and/or key-phrases are accepted or rejected.
2. (currently amended) The method Method according to claim 1,

wherein in the case of rejected the utterance (U) a rejection signal is generated.
3. (currently amended) The method Method according to claim 2, wherein as said rejection signal a reprompting signal and/or in the case of a dialogue system an invitation to repeat/restart the last utterance (U) is generated and/or output.

4. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1,

wherein for said rough estimation on accepting/rejecting the utterance a rough and/or simple confidence measure (CMU) for the entire utterance (U) is determined.

5. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1,

wherein said reanalysis of the received utterance (U) is based on a sentence analysis, including in particular based on a grammar, syntax, semantic analysis, and/or the like.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~claim 6~~ claim 1,

wherein for said thorough estimation on accepting/rejecting said key-phrases and/or keywords a detailed and/or robust confidence measure (CMK) for each single key-phrase or keyword is determined ~~in particular~~ on demand.

8. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 7,

wherein a confidence measure (CMK) for the single key-phrase/keyword is determined only if in the step of ~~deriving~~ determining said key-phrase/keyword and indication therefore occurs so as to reduce ~~the~~ a computational burden.